



Forest Plan Revision Scenery Management System

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What is the Scenery Management System?

The Scenery Management System provides an overall framework for the orderly inventory, analysis, and management of scenery. It is a tool for integrating the benefits, values, desires, and preferences regarding aesthetics and scenery for all levels of land management planning.

The SMS Process Includes Development of 6 Map Inventory Products

⇒ **Description of the Landscape (Scenic) Character:** "Particular attributes, qualities and traits of a landscape that give it an image and make it identifiable or unique."

⇒ **Scenic Attractiveness:** "The scenic importance of a landscape based on human perceptions of the intrinsic beauty of landform, rock form, water form, and vegetation pattern."

⇒ **Concern Levels:** "...Are a measure of the degree of public importance placed on landscapes viewed from travel ways and use areas."

⇒ **Distance Zones:** "Landscape areas denoted by specific distances from the observer. Used as a frame of reference in which to discuss landscape attributes for the scenic effect of human activities in the landscape."

⇒ **Scenic Classes:** Measure the relative importance, or value, of discrete landscape areas having similar characteristics of scenic attractiveness and landscape visibility" Comes all inventory products thus far (Concern Levels, Landscape character, Scenic Attractiveness, Distance Zones).

⇒ **Existing Scenic Integrity:** "...measure of the wholeness or completeness of the landscape, including the degree of visual deviation from the landscape character valued by constituents."

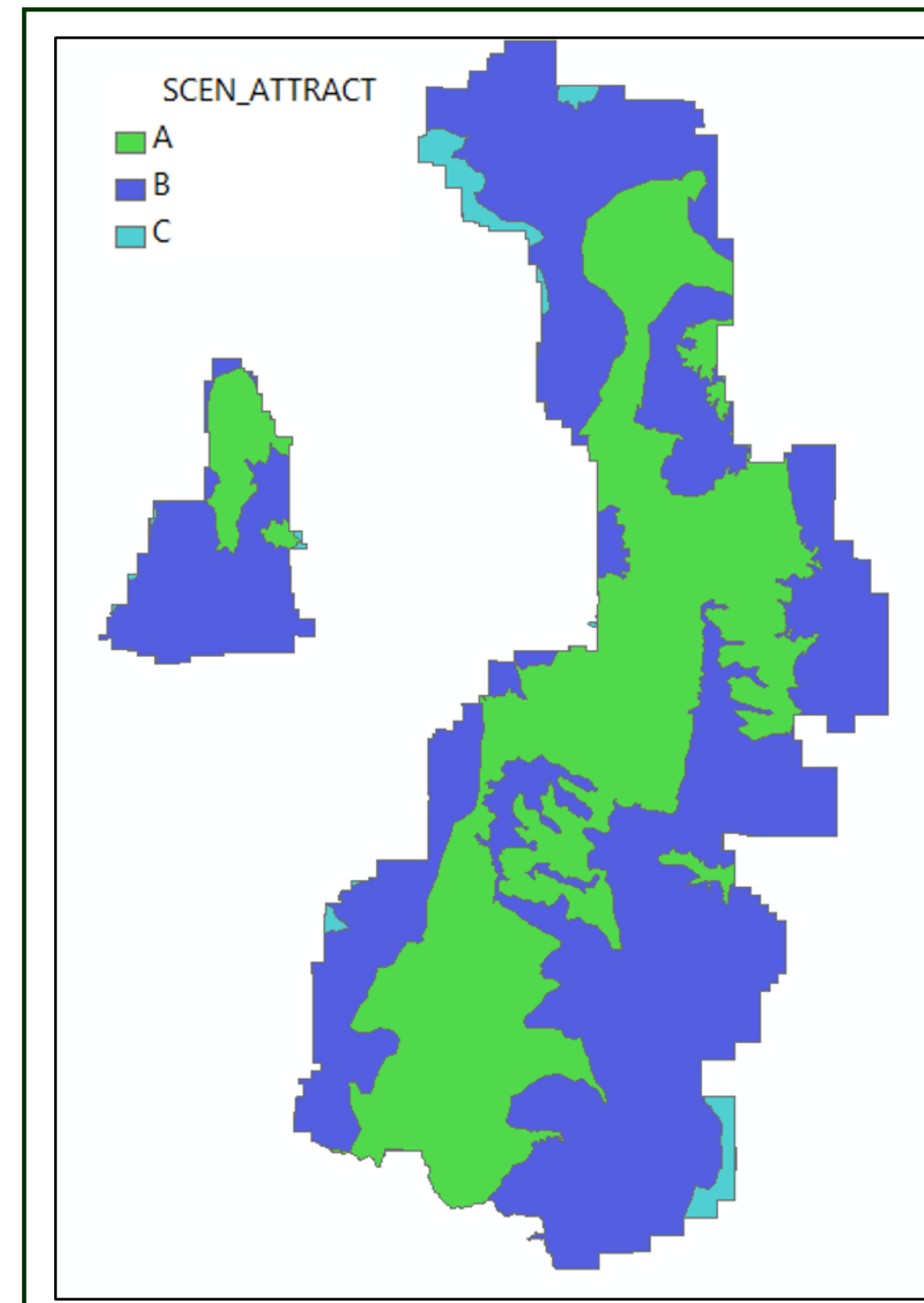


SMS Map Inventory Products

Scenic

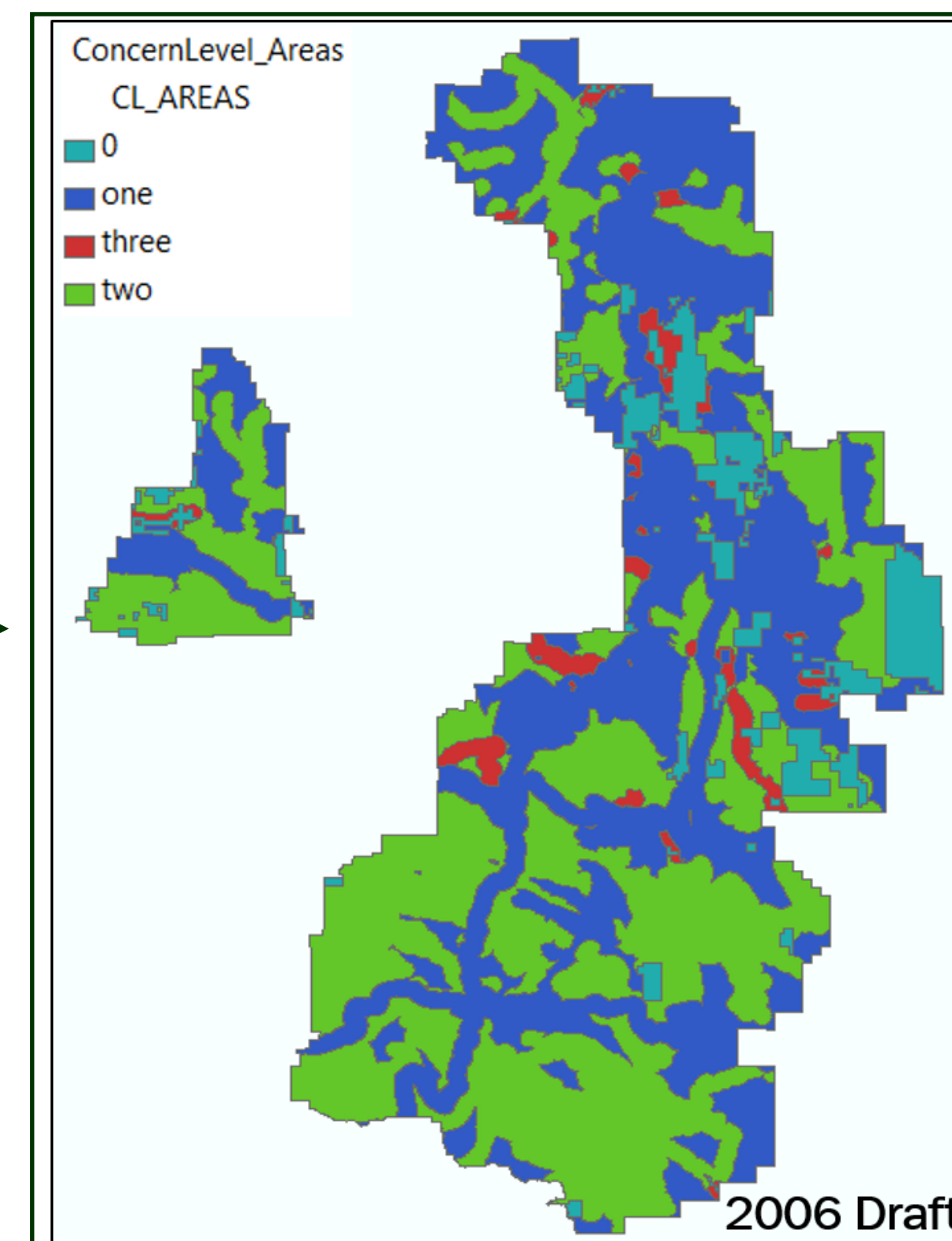
Attractiveness Categories:

- ⇒ Distinctive (Most Appealing)
- ⇒ Typical-Common



Concern Levels Categories:

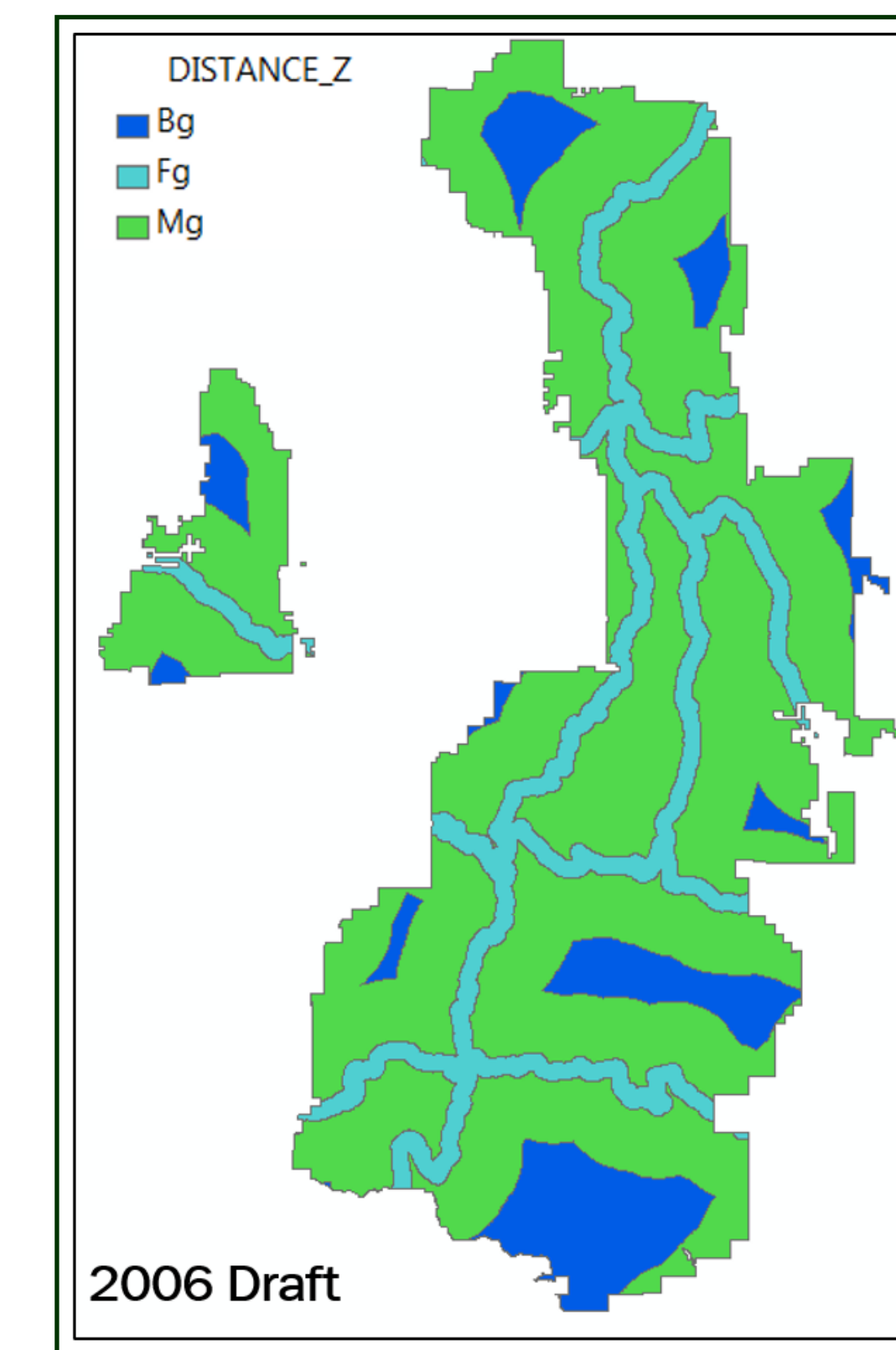
- ⇒ High
- ⇒ Moderate
- ⇒ Low



Distance Zone

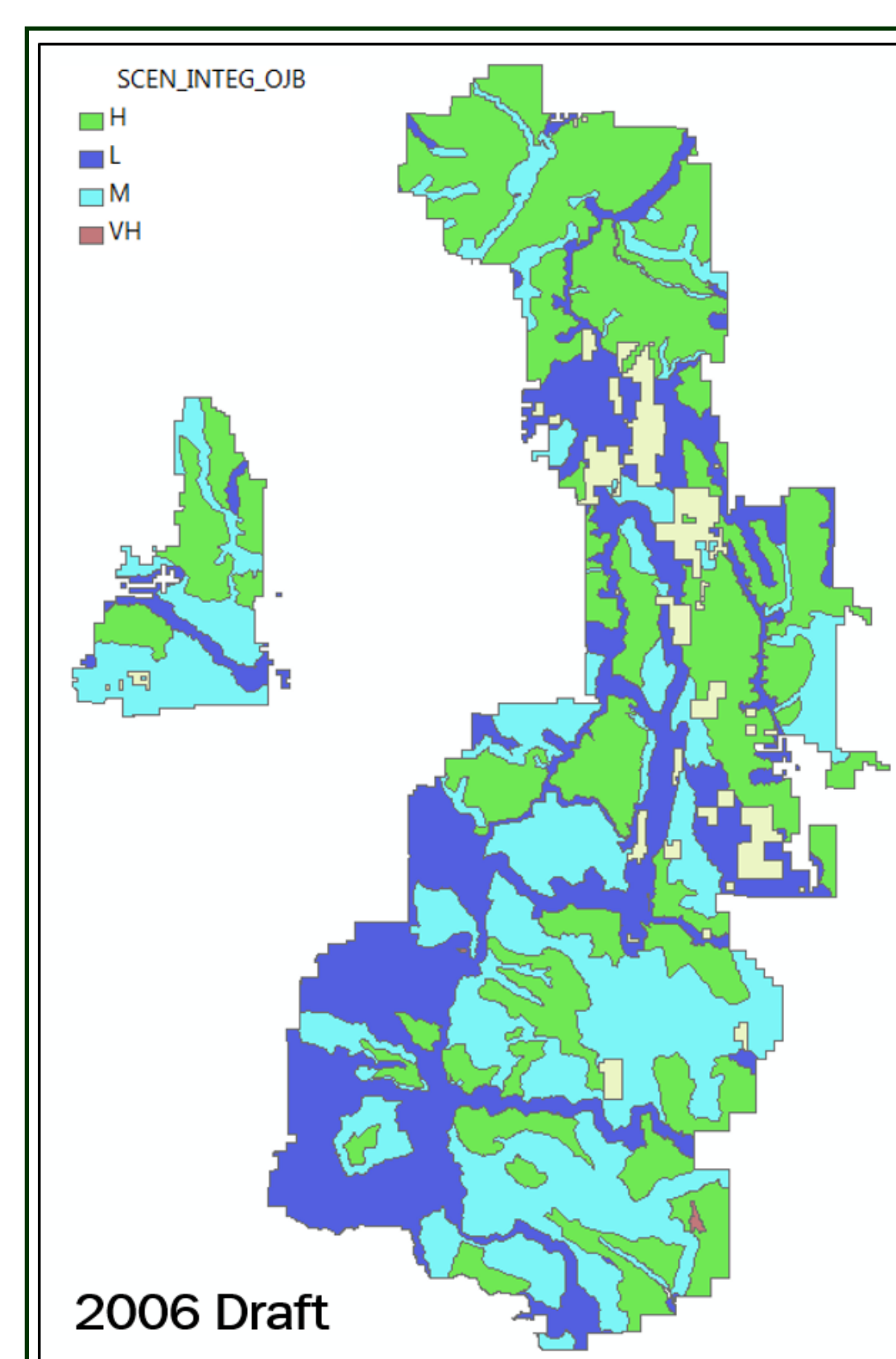
Categories:

- ⇒ Foreground (0—0.5 Miles)
- ⇒ Middleground (0.5 —4 Miles)



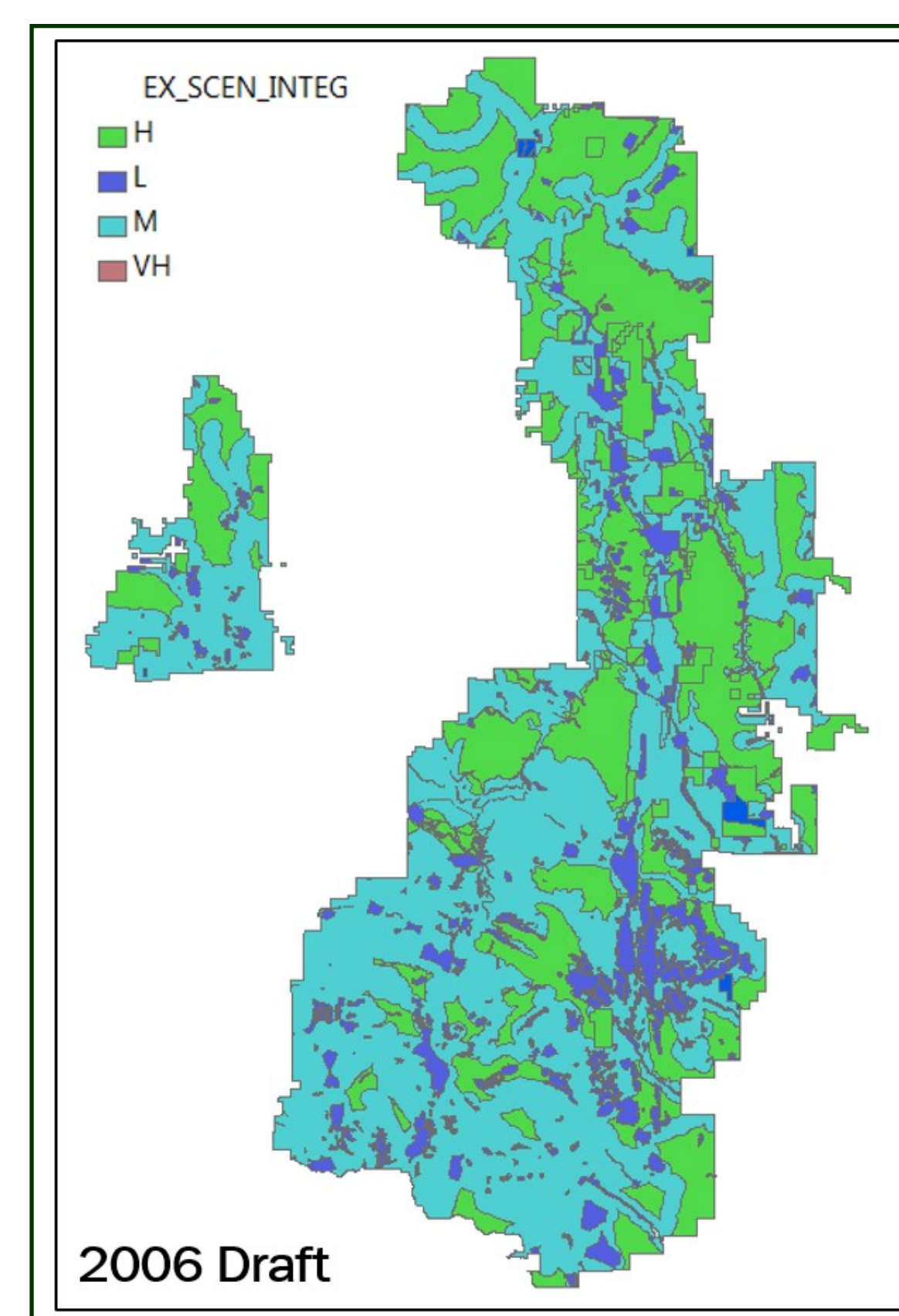
Scenic Integrity Objective Categories:

- ⇒ Very High—High
- ⇒ Moderate
- ⇒ Low — Very Low



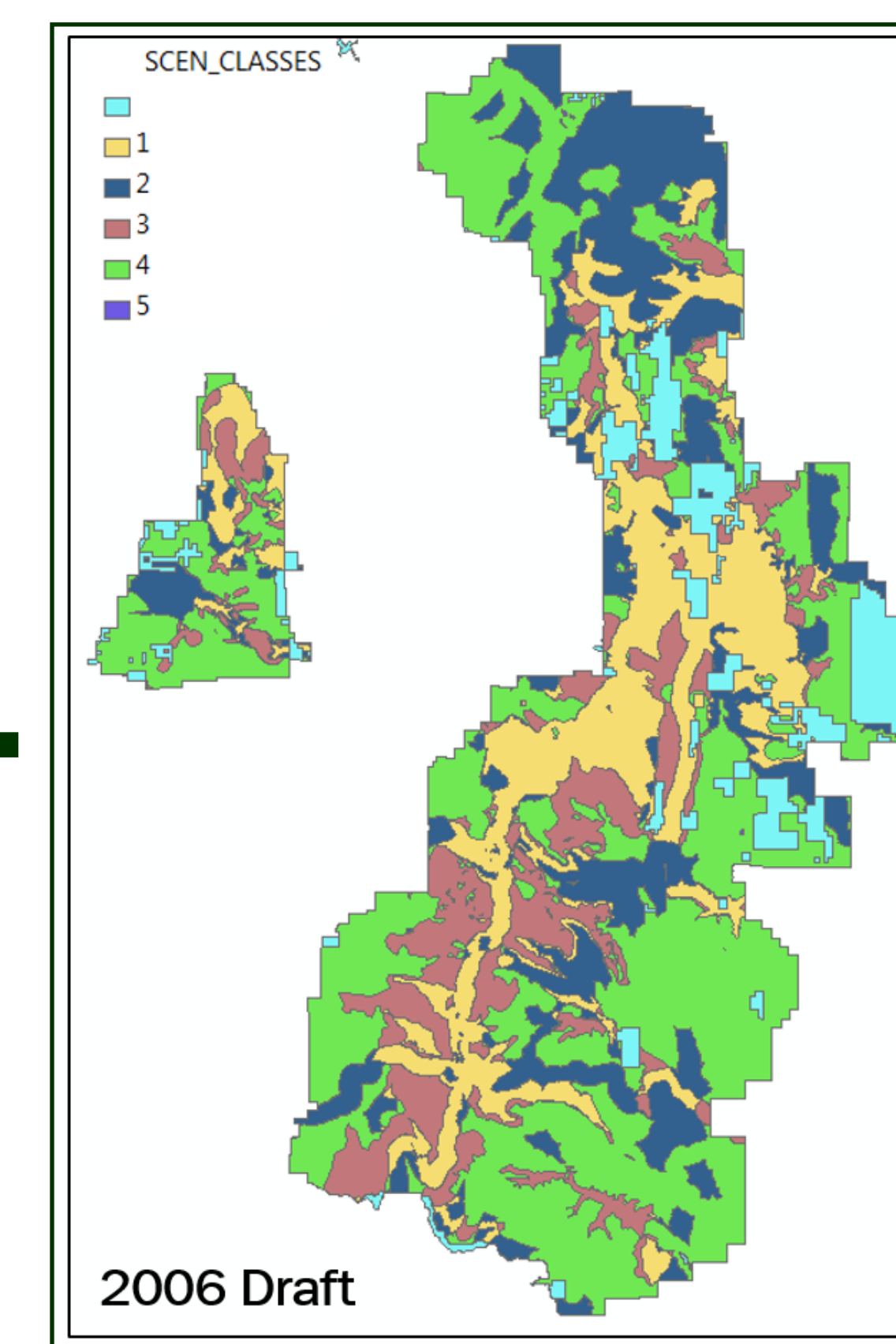
Existing Scenic Integrity Categories:

- ⇒ Very High—High
- ⇒ Moderate
- ⇒ Low — Very Low

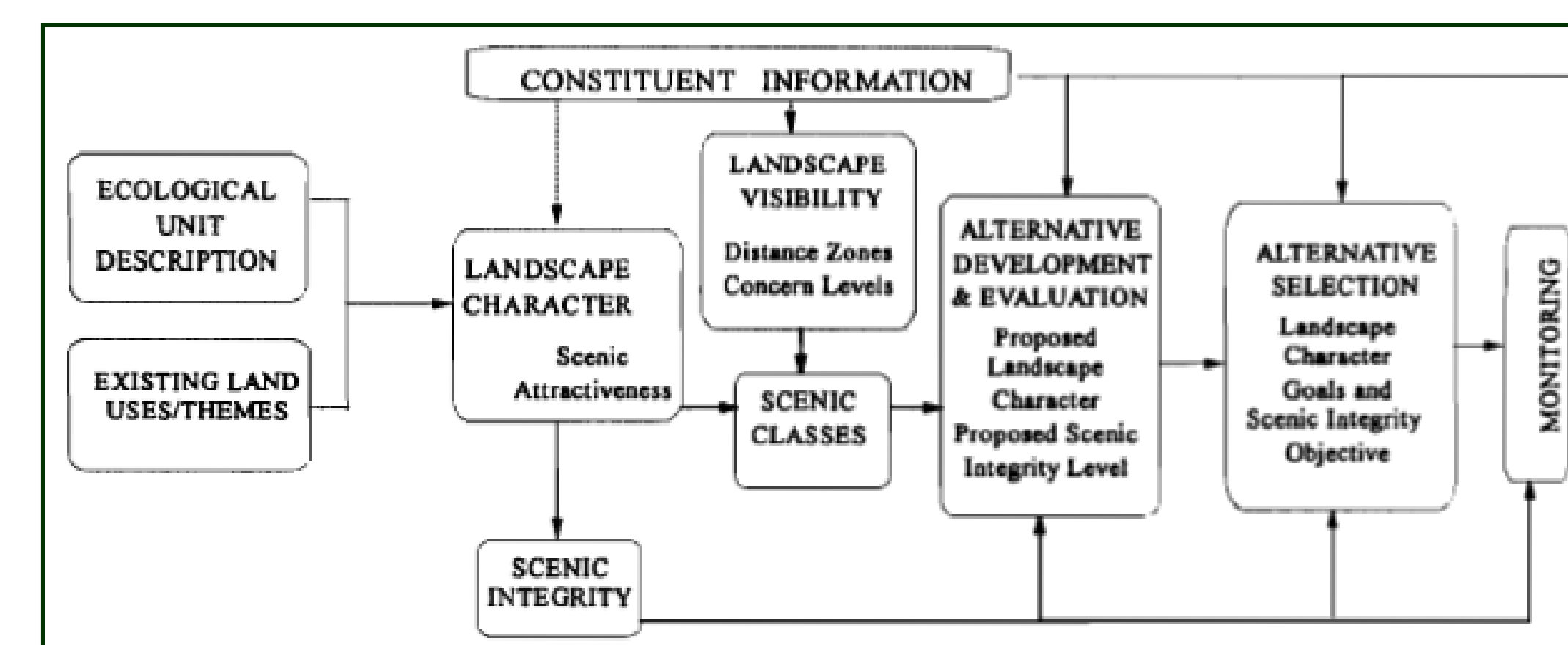


Scenic Classes Categories:

- ⇒ High Public Value: 1—2
- ⇒ Moderate Public Value: 3—5
- ⇒ Low Public Value: 6—7



The SMS Process and Public Involvement



For updates on our Plan Revision effort, visit our StoryMap website (<http://bit.do/manti-lasalplanrevision>) or Planning page (<http://bit.do/mlsnfplanningpage>). You can also contact the Plan Revision Team with questions at mlnfplanrevision@fs.fed.us; by phone at 435-636-3508; or via postal mail at 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501.

Public Involvement

Concern Levels and Next Steps

Concern levels are driven by the public importance from travel ways and use areas. This inventory will affect most of the other inventories in SMS. We will be accepting public comments after the DRAFT Concern Level product is complete.

- 30-day commenting period for Concern Levels will open July 21st 2017.
- Opportunity to comment on the Scenic integrity
- Objectives will be during the draft plan— TBD.

See The Scenery Management System sub-page for additional information on how to comment (See Additional Information Below).

Where are we now?

Integrating the 2006 SMS DRAFTS into the 2017 Effort

The Manti— La Sal completed a DRAFT version of all SMS products during the 2006 Effort. The 2017 effort will include revising the DRAFT 2006 version to reflect current conditions.

Progress to-date

⇒ The Scenic Attractiveness product has been complete as of February 2017

⇒ Concern Levels are currently being revised, and the DRAFT version will be available for public commenting starting July 21st 2017

Additional Information

For additional information on the process, and the criteria used during the SMS Process, reference Agriculture Handbook Number 701—A Handbook for Scenery Management

Visit the SMS sub-page to view additional documentation and status of the Manti— La Sal SMS process:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mantilasal/landmanagement/planning/>